



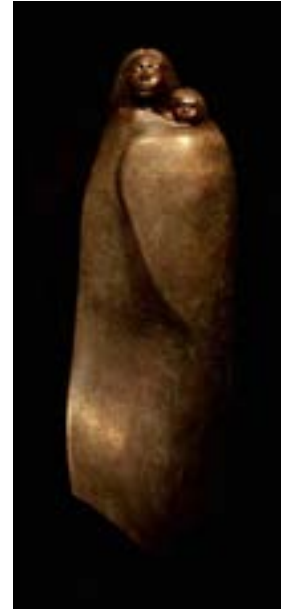
Our Mission: "To celebrate and perpetuate the history, art and culture of the Chisholm Trail, the American Cowboy and the American West."

Allan Houser's legend becomes main focus of museum for summer

We are one of nine Oklahoma museums participating in Celebrating Allan Houser – An Oklahoma Perspective project. Our exhibition is titled Allan Houser: Legend Born Free and our staff is excited to create a cohesive and interesting show that ties in with the focus of our continued cowboy culture and arts series during the summer education session.

Our main exhibit room will be closed for the last two weeks of this month as it undergoes a transformation as the staff begins the final work for the show. Allan Houser, who would have been 100 years old this year, was the first Chiricahua Apache born into freedom in 1914. His work includes illustrations, bronzes and paintings. One of his bronzes, Desert Flower, is in our permanent collection in the Garis Gallery of the American West. The exhibition will include

original illustrations and the bronze. Additionally, our administrative staff has acquired all seven of the children's books in which Houser's illustrations appeared. These and historical Apache reproduction photos will be featured in our main lobby. Educational Coordinator Leah Mulkey's lesson plans for the education department include art projects based on Houser's illustrations from the book, Blue Canyon Horse. The DVD "Unconquered: Allan Houser and the legacy of one Apache Family" narrated by Val Kilmer, is already available in our gift shop. The documentary is approved by the Houser Legacy and follows the Houser/Haozous story. Our educational instructors are also studying the history of Houser and the Apache nation for the summer program.



ON THE CALENDAR

Oklahoma Museums Week, May 18-24

Allan Houser: Legend Born Free exhibit, June 1-August 15

Treasures on the Ol' Chisholm Trail, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14 (Metal Detecting with Justin Finley)

Girl Scout Twilight Camp, June 26-28

Girl Scout Day, 1-4 p.m. June 28

Crapemyrtle Care with Carolyn, 2-3:30 p.m. Friday, June 26

National Day of the Cowboy, July 26



Celebrating Oklahoma, writers and creativity

Oklahoma Poems and Their Poets, edited by Nathan Brown, is the newest treasure in our gift shop.

Dr. Nathan Brown is Oklahoma's Poet Laureate, but we take delight in having claimed him first, as he has been teaching area sixth-grade students for four years through our "Writing in Response to Art" creative writing program. The program was established by Education Coordinator Leah Mulkey as an outreach effort to Duncan Middle School students. It was so successful in that first year, it was offered to students from Empire and Marlow. A reception is held in the spring and students can read their writing. Nearly 40 students and parents attended this year's reception May 4.



After the event, Nathan told us about the book. The book was created for the Oklahoma Humanities Council and is an anthology of poems about Oklahoma.

They are not all written by Oklahomans, but by a diverse group of people from across the country. Everyone who submitted a poem has a connection or

bond with Oklahoma.

"We have Pulitzer Prize winners and some big names in this book. All the artists, including the visual artists who did the cover, have their bios in the back of the book. Rick Sinnett is the cover artist. He paints these dramatic murals of Route 66."

All work was donated to support the OHC and profits from the book sales will also go to OHC. "My idea was to create a legacy project as state laureate," he shares. "I'm proud of each poem in there." Adding it to museum gift shops, Nathan says, is a way of also helping out museums. The book is available in our gift shop for \$15. Contact giftshop@onthechisholmtrail.com if interested in ordering.

EDUCATION

Noble Foundation pays a visit

Samantha Ephgrave, Program Associate Philanthropy and Engagement and Project Management with the Noble Foundation, visited the museum Friday, May 2, to see firsthand the education program in action.

While here, she saw our historical interpreter Kentucky Daisey in action, and students enjoying the theaters and art gallery. We appreciate the Noble Foundation for its outreach. Members of the Noble Foundation visit its recipients annually.



A Day at the Capitol

Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore and PR & Marketing Coordinator Toni Hopper attended the Arts Day at the State Capitol in May to help spread the word about the museum and all it has to offer. They even met students from Kingfisher and Sand Springs who were interested in learning more about the Chisholm Trail history for school projects. They also taught quite a few people how to “trick rope!” Board member Deano Cox stopped by to say hi.



About 40 students and their parents attended the fourth annual creative writing reception on May 4.

Building self-esteem through arts and western events



Chisholm Trail Stampede PRCA queen and princess candidates, Brooke Adams, Chandler Johnson, Kylee Pierce, Nicole Hampton, Makenzie Andrews, Megan Law, Sydney Wyatt and Breanna Ferguson, participated in their interviews, photo shoot and fashion show/luncheon at the museum. Megan Law was crowned the new Miss Chisholm Trail Stampede Queen 2014. Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Teen 2014 Lauren Elise Ortega Wade served as emcee, and had help from Owasso RUC Queen Taylor White and Chisholm Trail Stampede Princess Emily Robinson.



Austin Jones was one of 12 Duncan High School AP senior art students exhibiting a portfolio of work during a week long show in May.



Children from the Gabriel's House after school program visited the museum to see their art on display and had fun touring the facility.

SUMMER CAMPS

Discover. Create. Learn.

Have you registered for summer camp yet? Don't wait, classes can fill up quickly once school is out. Sign up for one, two, three or all! Do you like to paint? Or maybe you want to learn how to crochet? Have you ever searched for buried treasure? We have these and more in our lineup of activities this summer. Each camp has a different cost and being a member of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center offers plenty of savings.

Kicking off the summer is our fun metal detecting session with Justin Finley.

"TREASURE ON THE OLD CHISHOLM TRAIL"

is 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, right here on the grounds of the

museum. There is no telling what treasures you will discover

on historic Chisholm Trail ground. Ages 5 and up.

\$10 for members, \$15 non-members.



July 7-11 **VIDEO CAMP** instructor Geoffrey Smith. This camp is now in its third year at CTHC and offers two sessions - morning and afternoon.

Morning session, 9 a.m. to noon, is for ages 11-13 years. Afternoon session is 1-4 p.m. for teens 14 to adult. Students learn how to shoot, edit and complete a video during these five days. Since 2002, Smith has been offering these camps at museums throughout Oklahoma.

Camp fills fast. Enroll today! Only 12 participants per session. Members, \$100; Non-members, \$150.

July 14-18 **CROCHET** with Neva Kitsmiller, is 2-4 p.m. daily and available for all ages and skill level.

Neva returns this year and finds great joy in teaching others how to crochet. The art of crochet has made a resurgence with such popular forums as Pinterest and Etsy.

Neva, who is from Comanche, will teach basic skills. This class is perfect for beginners, but advanced crocheters are welcome to enroll and bring their projects. Members, \$20; Non-members, \$35.

July 19 – **FLIP BOOKS**, instructor Daniel Lay. 10 a.m. to noon, ages 5-7; and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-11.

Class participants will get to create and complete an animation project in a flip book. When Daniel was 12 years old, he started creating animated shorts, using action figures and homemade backdrops. He has a degree in media production from Oklahoma Baptist University and he works at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art designing exhibits.

"The great thing about flipbooks is that it takes you right to the heart of animation. You're learning the same techniques that film pioneers like Thomas Edison discovered. It's science, creativity and entertainment, all in a single exercise."

Members, \$10; Non-members, \$15

July 21-22 **DRAWING I** Instructor Brenda Phillips. Ages 11-13 are from 10 a.m. until noon; and ages 14 and older, 1-3 p.m. Members, \$30; Non-members, \$45.

JULY 23-24 WATERCOLOR I; instructor Brenda Phillips. Ages 11-13 are from 10 a.m. until noon; and ages 14 and older, 1-3 p.m. Brenda is a Duncan High School art teacher and has been teaching youth about art for 17 years. She has helped her students create portfolios of their work for exhibition. Members, \$30; Non-members, \$45

July 28-Aug. 1 **PORTRAITS** with Crystal Mayes. The first session is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 11-13; and the second session is 1-3:30 p.m. for ages 13 and older. This is Crystal's second time at CTHC, and she has worked with area youth during Art is Gr8. Crystal pursued her fine arts degree at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and her interest is in 3D design and ceramics. Members, \$35; Non-members, \$50

August 5 **ADULT CANVAS PAINTING** with Jana Oakman. This class will be 1-4 p.m. Jana is an art instructor who hosts her own paint and party sessions. She uses vivid colors and easy subject matter, no matter what your skill level, you leave feeling like you are an artist. You will have a painting to take home and display. You may discover new friends in the process. Ages 10-16 are welcome with adult partners in this class. Members, \$25; Non-members, \$50

To register for a summer camp, call Leah at 580-252-6692.

Also, see facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events for details.

GET YOUR COWBOY ON!

NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY IS AN OKLAHOMA STATE HOLIDAY AND WE PLAN TO CELEBRATE IT WITH GUSTO, JUST AS WE HAVE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS! WE WILL HAVE LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, KIDS ARTS AND STORYTIME.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

MAKING THIS DAY EVEN MORE FUN ARE THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO JOIN IN. WE'LL SHARE OUR SASPARILLA WITH YOU IF YOU WILL SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER. COSTUMES ARE QUITE OK IN THIS OLD WEST TOWN!



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“Being chosen as Oklahoma’s Poet Laureate has done more for my (writing) career than anything I did in the previous 10 years,” - Nathan Brown

Stay Connected!

Things don’t slow down at the museum just because it is summer! Our calendar has everything from summer art camps, Girl Scout Day to National Day of the Cowboy plans. To keep up with our events, please like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail and visit the events page. We are constantly adding new events with all the details.

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